

Federal Maritime Commission
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46 CFR Part	Heading	Action	Review Timeframe (Calendar years)
Part 531	NVOCC Service Arrangements	Review and modify to remove outdated, ineffective, or unnecessary regulations or costs.	Status: Completed. Final Rule effective 8/22/2018.
Part 532	NVOCC Negotiated Rate Arrangements		
Part 506	Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustment	Review and update consistent with OMB guidance.	Annual updates required by January 15. Status: Completed. Final Rule effective 1/15/2019.
Part 535	Ocean Common Carrier and Marine Terminal Operator Agreements Subject to the Shipping Act of 1984	Review and modify to remove outdated, ineffective, or unnecessary regulations or costs.	Status: Pending Commission consideration of staff recommendations.
Part 504	Procedures for Environmental Policy Analysis	Review and update consistent with NEPA and CEQ guidance.	Status: Completed review in 2018; updates to Part 504 in 2019.
Part 515	Licensing, Financial Responsibility Requirements, and General Duties for Ocean Transportation Intermediaries	Review and modify to reflect changes to automation of the OTI bonding procedures.	Status: Currently under review.
Part 540	Passenger Vessel Financial Responsibility	Review for modification or repeal.	Status: Currently under review for modification or repeal.
Part 520	Carrier Automated Tariffs	Review and modify to remove outdated, ineffective, or unnecessary regulations or costs	Status: Planned 2019 review and 2020 modify.
Part 525	Marine Terminal Operator Schedules	Review and modify to remove outdated, ineffective, or unnecessary regulations or costs.	Status: Planned 2019 review and 2020 modify.
Part 530	Service Contracts	Review and modify to remove outdated, ineffective, or unnecessary regulations or costs.	Status: 2019 review and modify. Note: Previous modifications completed in Docket 16-05 effective 5/5/2017; updated and modernized regulations and reduce burden for service contracts and NSAs. Extended time to file service contract or NSA amendments up to

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			30 days after effective date; extended time to correct contracts.
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